

Iowa Radon Poster Contest

Win \$1,000!

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that causes lung cancer. It comes from the ground and can enter homes and buildings through foundation openings and build up to dangerous levels. The only way to detect radon is by testing for it.

To spread radon awareness, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sponsors a National Radon Poster Contest each year. Winners selected from the Iowa Radon Poster Contest will be submitted to the national contest for the chance to win \$1,000, \$600, or \$400.

Student Prizes:

The top 5 posters in the Iowa will be selected and prizes will be as follows.

- 1st Place: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$150
- 4th Place: \$100
- 5th Place: \$50
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place posters will be sent to the National Contest.



School Prize:

- School with most poster submissions will receive \$200

Contest Calendar:

- Contest launches in August 2012
- Posters due by October 31, 2012
- Judging will take place in early November 2012
- Award ceremony/ presentation for winner will occur in January 2013

Mail posters to:

American Lung Association in Iowa
Radon Poster Contest
Attn: Micki Sandquist
2530 73rd Street
Des Moines, IA 50322

Contact Information:

Iowa Radon Hotline: 1 (800) 383-5992

Iowa Radon Poster Contest website:

www.healthhouse.org/radon/ia_poster.cfm

National Radon Poster Contest Website:

www.sosradon.org/poster-contest

Poster Guidelines

Requirements:

- Age 9-14
- Enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, DoD, or home school or part of a sponsored club like scouts or 4-H

Poster Topics:

- Choose one of these 5 topics for your poster.
 - What is radon?
 - Where does radon come from?
 - How does radon get into our homes?
 - Radon can cause lung cancer.
 - Test your home for radon.

Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

Radon information can be found at the following website:

- www.healthhouse.org/radon
- www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/radon.asp
- www.sosradon.org
- www.epa.gov/radon

Artwork Requirements:

- White paper
- No student names on the front
- Include a title on the front
- Submission form must be attached to back of poster
- Create poster with crayons, markers, paint, collage, photographs, or computer graphics
- No copyrighted or trademarked characters or product logos
- Lettering should be large enough to reproduce well with pencil markings erased



Last year's national winner!